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I hereby apply for an exemption from FAR 135.143 (c) (2) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) so as to allow Air Madura LLC to operate with a TSO-C74b or TSO-C74c (Mode C) transponder rather than a TSO-C112 (Mode S) transponder in the following aircraft:

N30PL

The FAA promulgated FAR 135.143 (c) (2) in an effort to reduce air traffic control separation standards and thus increase traffic flow. The necessary ground sensors have not become operational, thus there is no potential safety advantage to using Mode S transponders rather than Mode C transponders. Mode S transponders are more expensive to install and maintain.

Granting this exemption is in the public interest because it would increase the safety of the traveling public by providing, if an airliner is in close proximity to N30PL, a warning of N30PL position. Without the issuance of the exemption N30PL will be equipped with a Mode C transponder.

Because this petition does not materially differ from numerous petitions that have been granted, I do not believe that publication in the Federal register is required.

Regards,

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